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### A PERSONAL NOTE:

If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else.

**The 2010 FOURTH REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY:** Including First, second and third Supplements; third supplement just off the press. Much new information; Cost is \$67, included postage, for new buyers. If you bought any of the books before, the cost is \$57. Supplement 3 is \$20; SUPPLEMENTS 2 and 3 are \$35 and all 3 supplements are \$45. Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

**PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:** A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it;

**Illustrated Press**, Jan; articles about Ozzie and Harriet; Li'l Abner; Tokyo Rose; long running radio shows; Bobby Benson;-Feb: articles about Jack Benny; Bobby Benson;-March; articles about Eddie Fisher; Groucho Marx; The Depression years on radio; Rudy Vallee;- **Jack Benny Times**, Jan – Apr; always interesting articles about JB;-**RCA Newsletter**, Dec; articles about Dana Andrews; Review of OTR Trivia book 2 and Radio Rides the Range;-Jan; articles about Marvin Kaplan and Nigel Bruce;-Feb; article about Peggy Webber;-**Radio Recall**, Feb; article about Boston Blackie;-**Old Radio Times**, Jan - Feb; articles about Best OTR shows of all time; Mysterious Traveler - lost shows

**BOOKS:** (Most books can also be purchased at <[www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/](http://www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/)>, <[Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)> or <[Barnesandnoble.com](http://Barnesandnoble.com)>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571;-Many books are from **McFarland** ; 1-800-253-2187; Web ([www.mcfarlandpub.com](http://www.mcfarlandpub.com)) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 1129, Duncan, OK 73534; 580-252-3547 <[Bearmanormedia.com](mailto:Bearmanormedia.com)> <[benohmart@gmail.com](mailto:benohmart@gmail.com)> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 ([www.bookhunterpress.com/radio](http://www.bookhunterpress.com/radio));-**Martin Grams (OTR Publishing)**, Box 52, Whiteford, MD. 21160; (443) 286-6821 <[www.martingrams.com](http://www.martingrams.com)>  
**Bear Manor Media**

**DUFFY'S TAVERN: A HISTORY OF ED GARDNER'S RADIO PROGRAM** by Martin Grams, Jr.

**Price: \$39.95**

Soon after *Duffy's Tavern* premiered over the radio in 1941, Hollywood celebrities flocked to the microphone for a guest appearance and accepted what was rarely heard of in network broadcasting -- celebrities were roasted in the form of insults that were praised by critics and raved by radio listeners. *Duffy's Tavern* was so popular it helped spawn a hit song, "Leave Us Face It," an attempted

newspaper comic strip, a number of premiums and a U.S.O. Tour. Convicts at San Quentin voted it their favorite radio program.

This book (700 plus pages) documents the entire history of the radio program, the 1945 motion-picture, the short-lived television program, the lawsuits, Ed Gardner's personal life, contract negotiations and much more!

### **CONVENTIONS: (Let me know details of your upcoming convention)**

**Nostalgia Expo**; May 16 and 17, 2014; Browne Plaza Blue Ash, Cincinnati; contact Mike Wheeler (859) 402-0853

**9th ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC NOSTALGIA CONVENTION**, Sep 18 – 20, 2014. Hunt Valley Wyndham, Hunt Valley, MD; Old-Time Radio, movie and TV events and guests. Contact Martin or Michelle Grams, Jr at 443-286-6821, or <<http://www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com>>

**THE INTERNET**: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <[old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net](mailto:old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net)>; **Let me know if any are out of date.**

**WEB SITES**: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <[old-time.com](http://old-time.com)> **Jim Widner** <[otr.com](http://otr.com)> (**Radio Days**);-**Steve Darnall** <[nostalgia Digest.com](http://nostalgia Digest.com)> **Ted Kneebone** <[geocities.com/tkneebone1](http://geocities.com/tkneebone1)> **Jerry Haendiges** <[otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html](http://otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html)> **Australian Film and Sound** <[Screensound.gov.au](http://Screensound.gov.au)> **OTR Digest** <[www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/](http://www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/)> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <[Jackbenny.org](http://Jackbenny.org)> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <[gna.net/tia](http://gna.net/tia)> **Tom Heathwood** <[HeritageRadio.com](http://HeritageRadio.com)>. **First Generation Archives** <[radioarchives.org](http://radioarchives.org)> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <[repsonline.org](http://repsonline.org)> **Terry Salomonson** <[audio-classic.com](http://audio-classic.com)> <[digitalotr.com](http://digitalotr.com)> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/>> **Doug Kosmonek** <<http://members.shaw.ca/dougkosmonek>> new e-mail is <[dougkosmonek@shaw.ca](mailto:dougkosmonek@shaw.ca)> **Radio Spirits** <[radiospirits.com](http://radiospirits.com)> **The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by [www.mwotrc.com](http://www.mwotrc.com) or [www.readiorecall.com](http://www.readiorecall.com) **Radio Memories (NEW)** <[www.radiomemories.com](http://www.radiomemories.com)>...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <<http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/>> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>> **RHAC** web site is <[www.rhac.org](http://www.rhac.org)> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <<http://www.otr.com>> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <<http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>>. (also) <<http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/>>;- **Eddie Cantor** <[eddiecantor.com](http://eddiecantor.com)>;-**Old time Radio Researchers Group** <<http://www.otrr.org>>;- For free downloads of old time radio programs, check out the **OTRRLibrary** <<http://www.otrrlibrary.org>>;-For the most up-to-date information about old time radio series, and their stars, check out **OTRRPedia** located at <<http://www.otrrpedia.org>>;-. **Peter Tatchell** <[laughterglog.com](http://laughterglog.com)>. **Chuck Schaden** <[www.speakingofradio.com](http://www.speakingofradio.com)>

**CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS** (All addresses first): **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <[JHaendiges@aol.com](mailto:JHaendiges@aol.com)> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-641-1342); <[asajb2000@yahoo.com](mailto:asajb2000@yahoo.com)>; **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <[ga@radio.fm](mailto:ga@radio.fm)>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <[www.beqbooks.com](http://www.beqbooks.com)>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA

92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073  
**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 669, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gnolib.la.us>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com>  
**Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net> **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <bob@brcbroadcast.com> **Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive (Terry Salomonson)**, Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com> **Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>. **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.olderadio.com> **Danean MacAndrew**, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.heritagelady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02467 <www.heritageradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast>

**BRC Production**, 2014 catalog; Bob Burnham has been in this business for over 30 years and was one of the earliest dealers at the FOTR conventions; many interesting programs listed; also his first supplement is ready including 18 TV episodes of Jack Benny.

I heard from **Peter Tatchell** from Australia. Here is an excerpt.  
 "Speaking of publications, I've just updated my own **TATCHELL'S GUIDE TO BBC RADIO COMEDY** to a 3rd edition and copies may be obtained from my San Francisco comedy collector friend (Warren Debenham) at 143 Arlington Avenue, Berkeley, California 94707 (US\$20 + \$5 postage, with cheques payable to me). He has a few copies on hand (until I can drop some more off during my trip). My web site has details for any prospective first-time buyers. (laughterlog.com)"

### **IN FOND MEMORY:**

**Cliff Carpenter**, Jan 9, 98; fine radio personality (Terry and the Pirates) and great actor; attended many FOTR conventions; **Pete Unger**, Jan 27, 94; one of our greatest folk singers, a good friend of my brother, Joe Hickerson, who wrote the final two verses to Pete's 3 verses of "Where Have All the Flowers Gone." He was on radio in Columbia Workshop and Buddy Rogers Show; **Richard Lyon**, Oct 16, 73; on BBC's Life with the Lyons; **Richard Hayman**, Feb 5, 93; arranger, composer, fine harmonica player; great recording of Ruby; on radio (Stop the Music); **Shirley Temple**, Feb 10, 85; Greatest child actor of all time (own show; Lux Radio Theater; Family Theater); **Sid Caesar**, Feb 12, 91; comedian (Voice of the Army; Tex and Jinx); **Sheila MacRae**, Feb 6, 90; actress, singer (Lux).

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